

# Honors English II: To Kill a Mockingbird Synthesis

## Directions

The following prompt is based on the accompanying sources. In this response, your task is to synthesize a variety of sources into a coherent, well-written essay. When you synthesize sources, make sure to summarize and/or quote them accurately in support of your argument. Avoid merely summarizing the sources.

Remember to attribute both direct (quotes) and Indirect (paraphrases) citations.

## Prompt

Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* has been an important part of school curricula and national discussion about race since its publication in 1960. But what is this influence, and how has it affected our discourse? Has the novel aged well, holding up Atticus as a noble hero or are we in a different place in 2018, where according to some critics, the story comes across as an apology for the racist status quo?

## Requirements

Read the following sources carefully. In an essay that synthesizes at least three of the sources for support, take a position that defends, refutes, or qualifies the claim that Atticus Finch is an admirable hero.

- Your response should be 5 paragraphs.
- Include at least one effective naysayer.
- Include at least three sources and six citations.
- Your response should be a concession or boomer.

## Tips

- Have a well-developed thesis that you stick with. Organization is paramount.
- Focus on a few things in this essay:
  - An engaging introduction.
  - A strong thesis statement that suggests a concession.
  - Incorporating specific details into your paragraphs to give them power and interest.
  - A strong conclusion.